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Cosponsor S. Res. 264 and Show Your Support for Small Business and the Fight Against Terrorism

Dear Colleague:

Recently, we wrote to you and requested that you nominate small businesses from your state for participation in the Small Business Homeland Security Exposition (Expo) we are hosting here on Capitol Hill on July 10, 2002. The Expo will provide a great opportunity for innovative, high-tech small businesses to demonstrate their products and research designed to help in the fight against terrorism for members of Congress, their staffs and appropriate Federal government personnel.

To date, we have received over 160 nominations. While we cannot extend an invitation to every nominee due to space restrictions, we are making arrangements to have every nominated small business highlighted in a book prepared for the Expo. The Expo book will be disseminated to among others, congressional offices and Federal procurement, acquisition and research personnel.

On May 8, 2002, during Small Business Week, we introduced S. Res.264. This Resolution was introduced as a precursor to the Expo and puts the Senate on record supporting small business participation in homeland defense and the fight against terrorism. We urge you to give your most sincere consideration to cosponsoring S. Res. 264, especially if you have nominated a small business for participation in the Expo.

Please feel free to contact us, or have your staff contact John DaSilva with Senator Kerry or Greg Dean with Senator Bond of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship staff at 4- , should you have any questions or wish to cosponsor this Resolution in support of small business participation in the fight against terrorism.

Sincerely,

John F. Kerry

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